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1. WELL'S MOTHER PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK. IT NOW APPEARS HE MAY BE ABLE COME TO ABU BEFORE JANUARY. IF NO REPLACEMENT PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR HIM AT UNIVERSITY, HE WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER COMING AS SOON AS HE CAN SETTLE AFFAIRS IN U. S. WILL INFORM CU NEXT WEEK WHEN ETA LIKELY.

2. CHALK VERY CONCERNED THAT HE HAS NO WORD ON VISA OR TICKETING. FEELS HE MUST ARRIVE AT LATEST SEPTEMBER 10 IN ORDER FOR CHILDREN TO ENROLL IN SCHOOL. TENANTS FOR HIS HOUSE TAKE OVER NEXT WEEK. HE SUGGESTS THAT HISTORY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AT IBADAN MIGHT BE ABLE DO SOMETHING ON VISA CLEARANCE.

3. NIGERIAN EMBASSY OFFICER HERE SAYS HE CANNOT ISSUE THREE MONTH VISAS TO CHALK BECAUSE APPLICATION ALREADY REFERRED TO LAGOS. LETTER FROM IMMIGRATION FOR YOUNG EVIDENTLY WAS KEY FOR ISSUANCE HIS VISA. URGE EMBASSY FIND UNCLASSIFIED

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SOME MEANS END IMPASSE FOR COOK AND CHALK.

4. YOUNG HAD VERY PRODUCTIVE TALK WITH MRS. OKE. HE INQUIRING WHETHER HOUSING HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR HIM ULAGOS. ALSO HE HAS WRITTEN TO HEADMISTRESS REQUESTING SHE USE HER OWN JUDGMENT REGARDING SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR HIS CHILDREN SINCE HE UNDERSTANDS THAT SCHOOLING DIFFICULT AND SPACE SHOULD BE RESERVED. TOLD HER TO BE IN TOUCH WITH PETERS AT USIS. YOUNG HOLDS RESERVATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2 DEPARTURE ON BOAC CHICAGO TO LONDON, AND NIGERIAN AIRWAYS LONDON/LAGOS SEPTEMBER 8. PREPAID ORDER SHOULD BE SENT BOAC/CHICAGO SOONEST.

5. COOK HOPES TO COME TO WASHINGTON FOR BRIEFING ENROUTE TO POST SEPTEMBER 15. NEEDS BOTH TICKET AND VISA TO DO SO. MAW

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